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1. IN EDITORIAL AUGUST 25, IRISH PRESS CAME OUT STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF FRENCH ATTITUDE TOWARD CAP AND FRENCH OPPOSITION TO EFFORTS BY UK AND FRG TO MODIFY CAP AND TO US PRESSURE FOR EASIER ACCESS TO EUROPEAN MARKETS FOR AMERICAN FARM PRODUCE.

2. CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH SUMS UP AS FOLLOWS: "M. POMPIDOU'S MESSAGE IS CLEAR AND UNEQUIVOCAL. FRANCE IS A MAJOR AGRICULTURAL COUNTRY; ITS NEED FOR THE CAP IS NOT ONLY ECONOMIC BUT POLITIC-AL. "IRELAND STANDS IN THE SAME POSITION. IN FACT, WE DEPEND

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MORE ON AGRICULTURE IN OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN EUROPE. THERE MUST BE NO DOUBT THAT WE SUPPORT M. POM-

PIDOU AND HIS STAND AGAINST SOFTENING THE PRINCIPLES OF THE AGRICULTURAL POLICY."

3. IRISH PRESS EDITORIAL AUGUST 16 NOTED SOME IRISH DISENCHANTMENT WITH EC, DISCUSSED BRITISH DISILLUSIONMENT AND NOTED DIFFERING ATTITUDES OF DIFFERENT EC PARTNERS TOWARD CAP AND OTHER EC POLICIES. IT NOTED IMPORTANCE OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR IRELAND, AND SAID THAT "WE HAVE YET TO SEE THE PAY-OFF IN NEW JOBS INSIDE THIS STATE."

4. COMMENT: IRISH PRESS REPRESENTS OPPOSITION FIANNA FAIL PARTY. WHILE EDITORIALS REFLECT WELL-KNOWN IRISH POSITIONS TOWARD CAP AND EC REGIONAL POLICY, THEIR SHARPNESS SUGGESTS OPPOSITION PREPARING TO CAPITALIZE ON ANY FAILURE BY IRISH GOVERNMENT TO GET BEST DEAL IN EC NEGOTIATIONS ON CAP AND REGIONAL POLICIES AND ON ANY HINT OF IRISH WEAKNESS RE AGRICULTURE IN GATT MTN. MOORE.

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